



GARISSA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION **2017/2018** ACADEMIC YEAR **ONE**
FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS (GEOGRAPHY AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)

COURSE CODE: SAS 101

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO READING AND WRITING SKILLS

EXAMINATION DURATION: 3 HOURS

DATE: 13/12/17

TIME: 09.00-12.00 PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

- The examination has **SIX (6)** questions
- Question **ONE (1)** is **COMPULSORY**
- Choose any other **THREE (3)** questions from the remaining **FIVE (5)** questions
- Use sketch diagrams to illustrate your answer whenever necessary
- Do not carry mobile phones or any other written materials in examination room
- Do not write on this paper

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QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

- (a) Explain the steps involved in active reading at the university level. **[4 marks]**
- (b) Explain four functions of writing in school. **[4 marks]**
- (c) Discuss three major keys to achieving an effective writing style. Give examples. **[7 marks]**
- (d) Explain the significance of the SQ3R reading technique to a student. **[10 marks]**

QUESTION TWO

- (a) Writers code information in diagrammatic displays, for example, tables, graphs, maps. Explain three reasons in support of this practice. **[6 marks]**
- (b) Giving examples, discuss the criteria to use to improve your reading skills. **[9 marks]**

QUESTION THREE

- (a) Discuss briefly three text difficulties a reader may experience in the course of reading. **[9 marks]**
- (b) Discuss four elements to well formed paragraphs **[6 marks]**

QUESTION FOUR

Using examples, discuss three strategies that intelligent readers use to explore texts. **[15 marks]**

QUESTION FIVE

At the university, learners are required to make their own notes during their study.

- (a) Explain three characteristics that make note making unique. **[9 marks]**
- (b) Discuss the importance of any two processes involved in note-making **[6 marks]**

QUESTION SIX

Today, research has become increasingly important in institutions of higher learning.

- (a) Outline five suggestions that will empower you to write effective essays. **[5 marks]**
- (b) Explain the considerations you make to improve your writing skills. **[10 marks]**

